

Abstract

The bachelor thesis „Harold Wilson and the change in the attitude towards the EEC between the years 1964-1967“, examines the role and motivation of British prime minister in the fundamental transformation of the foreign policy of the United Kingdom. Compared to the original stance of Harold Wilson in 1964, when he became a prime minister, he shifted his country towards the European Economic Community unprecedented, during his premiership. The bachelor thesis examines importance of various factors in the decision-making process of Harold Wilson, using the interpretative research method. In the main part, this paper chronologically proceeds through domestic political and economic factors, which occurred between the years 1964-1967. Political factors are the turbulent atmosphere in the Labour party and in the Cabinet and economic factors are bad position of sterling and problem with the balance of payments. External factors, such as deterioration of relationships in the Commonwealth, changes in foreign trade and the question of British military commitments in the world, complete these domestic issues. At the end of the thesis, the paper analyzes the decisions made by Harold Wilson in the period of 1964-1967 and assesses their impact on the transformation of the British policy towards the European Economic Community.